

**What is Claimed is:**

1. An improved process for the production of powders of inhalable medicaments by crystallization from a supersaturated fluid containing said medicament, the improved process comprising passing along a tubular reactor
  - (a) a segmented flow of a supersaturated fluid containing medicament comprised of discrete volumes; or
  - (b) a fluid mixture being separated by discrete volumes of a separating fluid which is substantially immiscible with the supersaturated fluid containing medicament,and initiating crystallization by application of ultrasound.
2. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the segmented flow passes along the tubular reactor as a plug flow.
3. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the tubular reactor consists of the following segments:
  - (i) a residence time ( $t_R$ ) segment;
  - (ii) an ultrasound time ( $t_{US}$ ) segment; and
  - (iii) optionally an aging time ( $t_A$ ) segment.
4. The process as claimed in claim 3 wherein  $t_{US}$  is 1 to 30 s and  $t_A$  is 0.5 to 15 min.
5. The process as claimed in claim 3 wherein  $t_{US}$  is 0.5 to 15 min and  $t_A$  is 0 to 30 s.
6. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein ultrasound with a frequency of 20 to 60 kHz is applied.

7. The process as claimed in claim 6 wherein the energy density of the ultrasound applied is from 10 to 80  $\text{WL}^{-1}$ .

8. A micro-reactor for implementing the process according to claim 1 comprising a micro-mixer, a segmenter and a tubular reactor, wherein

- the dimensions of the micro-mixer for dividing the added fluids which are to be mixed is in the range of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1 mm, preferably between 25  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ,
- the dimensions of the channels of the segmenter lie in the range of 0.1 to 5 mm, preferably in the range of between 0.2 mm and 5 mm, and
- the tubular reactor is configured to be tube-, pipe- or channel-shaped with diameters of the channels in the range of 0.5 to 10 mm, preferably 1 mm to 2 mm, and with a length of between 10 cm and 200 m, preferably between 1 m and 25 m and is equipped with an external ultrasound source.

9. The micro-reactor according to claim 8, wherein the tubular reactor consists of the following segments:

- (i) a residence time ( $t_R$ ) segment;
- (ii) an ultrasound time ( $t_{US}$ ) segment; and
- (iii) optionally an aging time ( $t_A$ ) segment.

10. The micro-reactor according to claim 9, wherein the ultrasound time ( $t_{US}$ ) segment is inserted into an ultrasound bath.

11. An inhalable medicament with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably less than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and greater than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ , characterized in that it is produced by means of a process according to claim 1.